(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some suggestion on quality consciousness in Indian Industry were made in the programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to take some measures to implement some of these suggestions; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Consumer Awareness Programme was organised by the Bureau of Indian Standards on the theme 'Consumer Welfare through IS/ISO 9000 Standards on Quality Systems' on 15 March 1995 to celebrate the World Consumer Day. The programme was organised with the objective of apprising the participants which included consumer activists, representatives of consumer organizations as well as officials of the services and utilities sectors of IS/ISO 9000 standards, their benefits to consumers and how their implementation in the services and utilities sectors would promote consumer welfare.

(c) and (d) No specific suggestion was made to promote quality consciousness in the Indian Industry in the main Awareness Programme but implementation of Quality system aspects as per ISO: 9000 series of standards in the service sectors was stressed in the technical session of the Awareness Programme.

(e) and (f) Question does not arise.

Sale of edible oil by NDDB

3054. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Dairy Development Board has a proposal to sell imported edible oil to control rising prices;

(b) if so, how much quantum of imported oil, Government received as a gift or imported;

(c) the countries from which the oil has been received;

(d) whether the production of edible oils is not sufficient to meet its demand in the country; and

(e) if so, the policy of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) is selling imported edible oil in the open market.

(b) and (c) NDDB has reported that since August, 1994 they have commercially imported about 1.34 lakh tonnes of edible oil from Argentina, Malaysia and Indonesia. In addition, about 9.19 lakh tonnes of Crude Rapeseed Oil has been received as a gift from Canada for NDDBs' Vegetable Oil Project. Imoprts of edible oils, including the quantity received as gift, by the NDDB are on their own Account. They do not import on Government Account.

Details of edible oils imported on Government Account by the State Trading Corporation from Malaysia/ Indonesia for the Public Distribution System during the last three years is indicated below:—

Financial Year	Quantity (in MTs)
1992-93	76,870*
1993-94	78 965*
1994-95	1,07 013

*Includes 47,000 MT and 37,000 MT of Soyabean Oil received under USAID as gift during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively.

(d) It is estimated that at present there is a gap of nearly five to six lakh tonnes between the total requirement and net availability of edible oils from all domestic sources.

(e) Government has authorised the import of edible oils by the State Trading Corporation for PDS and by the NDDB for open market sale at concessional duty of 20 per cent. The import of selected edible oils has also been allowed under OGL at reduced duty of 30 per cent.

Appointment of Managing Trustee of Super Bazar

3055. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1695 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th December, 1994 and state:

(a) whether Government have appointed the Managing Trustee of Super Bazar; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no such provision in the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act and Rules under which Super Bazar is registered and also under the bye-laws of the Store.

Letters written by MPs to Ministry

3056. SHRI MOHAMMAD AFZAL *alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of letters written by the Members of Parliament to the Ministry during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995;

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledged out of them;

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break-up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) 201

(b) 185

(c) 131

(d) Negative — 24
Positive — 42

Other letters are of a such nature that these cannot be clearly categorised as positive or negative.

Assistance to Rajasthan and Orissa from consumer welfare fund

3057. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have so far provided any assistance to States of Rajasthan and Orissa from Consumer Welfare Fund during 1994 and till date in 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A sum of Rs. 7,27,200/- has been sanctioned to four consumer societies/organisations in Rajasthan. Also, a sum of Rs. 4